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EXAMINER: DAVID LUKTON

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO WTIHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case on the basis that the Issue Fee was paid on January 7th, 2005 and recorded in PAIR on the same date. The Issue Fee Payment was withdrawn from the Deposit Account. I hereby state:

- a) The Issue Fee was paid on January 7th, 2005 and recorded in PAIR.
- b) Following a request by the Examiner during a telephone interview, Applicant submitted an Amendment under §312 on May 3rd, 2005. This Amendment was considered by the Examiner and entered into the record.
- c) A Supplemental Notice of Allowance was mailed to the Applicant on May 20th 2005 with a due date of August 22, 2005. No fees were due.

d) Applicants now submit concurrently with this Petition to Withdraw Holding of
Abandonment a second Issue Fee Payment Form indicating that no fees are due, and
kindly ask the Examiner to forward the case to Publications.

In consideration of these submissions it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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Date: Garmy 24,2006

Respectfully submitted,

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